

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1 and 3-23 are pending. Claim 2 was previously canceled. Claims 5-8, 17 and 20-23 are currently amended. No claims are currently added or canceled.

The Examiner objects to Figure 1 in the drawings. Figure 1 has been corrected in accord with the Examiner's recommendations to overcome the objection. The replacement drawing sheet of Figure 1 is submitted herewith. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 3, 4 and 9-15 have been allowed over the prior art of record.

Claims 5-8, 17-21 and 23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 5 has been amended to include all of the limitations of its base claim. Claims 6-8 have been amended to depend directly from claim 5. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 5-8 as amended are now allowable. Claim 17 has been amended to include all of the limitations of its base claim. Claims 20-21 and 23 have been amended to depend directly from claim 17. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the objections have been overcome and allowance of claims 5-8 and 17-21 and 23 is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,054,812 of Lessner, et al. ("Lessner"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 recites:

a body defining a cavity, wherein the anode and the cathode are
inside the cavity;

a filter mounted within the cavity; and

a washer to hold the filter in place within the cavity.

(Claim 1; emphasis added)

In contrast, Lessner does not disclose the above limitations of claim 1. However, the Office Action alleges that Lessner discloses a filter mounted within the cavity and a washer to hold the filter in the cavity (Office Action, p. 3). Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office Action. According to Lessner, an ozone trap 50 is coupled to an illuminator bulb 10. The ozone trap 50 consists of a lens barrel 51 filled with ozone, which acts as an absorption filter. The left face of the lens barrel 51 bears against parallel sided washer 53, which in turn bears against the radial face of front metal ring 18 of the illuminator bulb 10. The ozone trap 50 is *not mounted within the cavity* defined by the body 11 of the illuminator bulb 10. (Lessner, col. 1, ln.46-48; col. 2, ln. 1-11 and 28-34; Figures 1 and 2). Since Lessner fails to disclose the above limitations, claim 1 is patentable over Lessner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1, claim 16 is not anticipated by Lessner. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S Patent No. 4,054,812 of Lessner, et al. ("Lessner"), further in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,644,768 of McRae ("McRae"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Claim 22 has been amended to depend from claim 17, which has been indicated to be allowable in the Office

Action. Thus, claim 22 as amended is patentable over Lessner in view of McRae for at least this reason. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the remarks, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the pending claims be allowed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), Applicant hereby requests and authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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